in Saharsa District of Bihar and Kalahandi in Orissa. 10,000 people in Saharsa District have already been benefited. During current year about 1000 persons in Kalahandi District will be benefited.

Availability of imported caprolactam

*146. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the unrestricted availability of imported caprolactam has adversely affected the Caprolactam Plant of Fertilizer and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT), Cochin; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The indigenous manufacturers of caprolactam, including FACT, have represented that unrestricted free import of caprolactam at low prices has affected their ability to market their product and has led to accumulation of sizable unsold stocks with them.

To give relief to the indigenous caprolactam industry, Government has reduced the customs duty on import of basic raw materials. In addition, an increase in customs duty on imported caprolactam has also been announced.

Erractic Industrial performance

*147. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the quick estimates of CSO for October, the industrial performance has been erratic during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what is the month-wise industrial performance;

(c) what are the sectors where the performance was erratic; and

(d) what are the sectors that have shown positive trends ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) According to the latest quick estimates of Index of Industrial Production from CSO for November, 1992 the rates of growth during November 1992 and April-November, 92 were 4.3% and 3.9% respectively as against rates of growth of zero and (—) 0.6% in the corresponding periods of previous year.

(b) Statement-I is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Statement-II is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement-I

Month	Index		Growth Rates	
	1991-92	1992-93	1991-92/ 1990-91	1992-93/ 1991-92
April	194.9	208.6	—1.2	7.0
May	195.9	205.1	—2.7	4.7
June	196.8	203.4	—3.1	3.4
July	203.8	200.1	1.1	—1.8
August	196.9	202.8	—1.9	3.0
September	200.8	213.4	1.5	6.3
October	199.8	208.3	1.8	4.3
November	204.3	213.1	0.0	4.3
April-November	199.2	206.9	—0.6	3.9

SOURCE: C. S. O.